

Parent Training: Inclusive Practices in Education

Creating an Inclusive Environment for All Students

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What Are Inclusive Practices?

- Inclusive practices ensure that all students, regardless of ability, background, or learning style, receive the support they need to succeed.

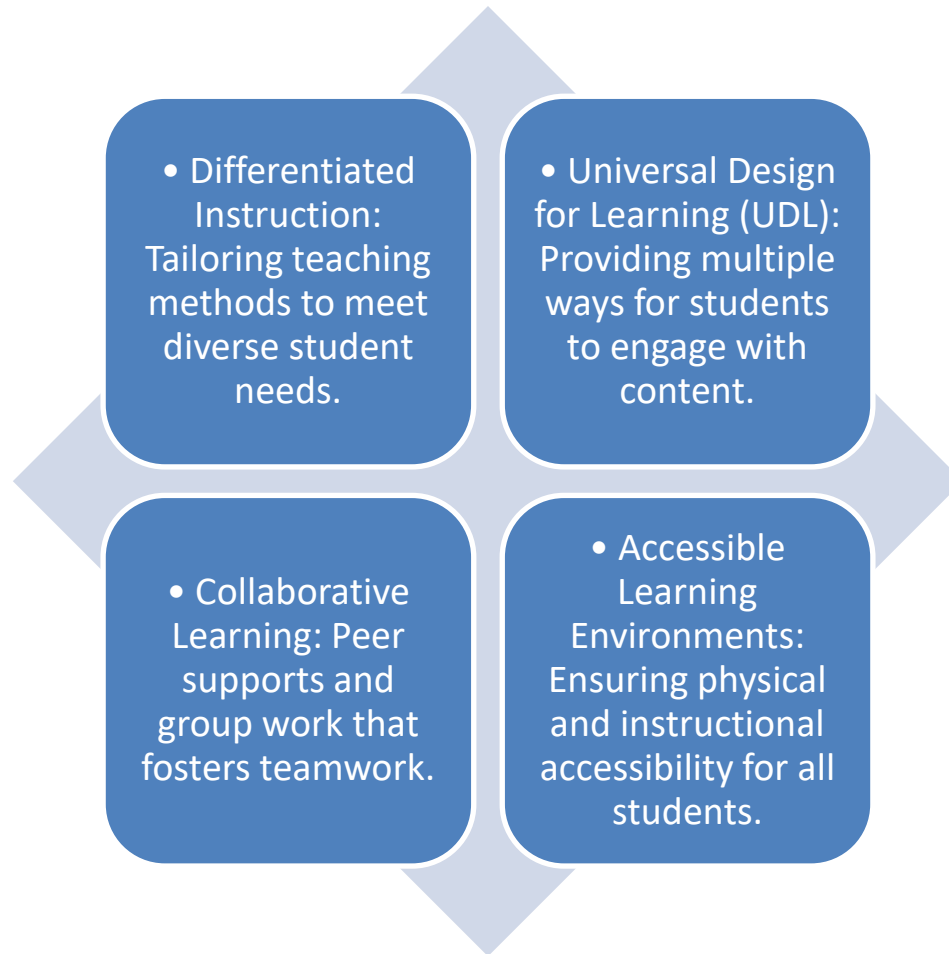
- It promotes participation, collaboration, and respect for all students.

- Inclusive education means that students with disabilities are educated alongside their peers without disabilities.

Why Inclusion Matters

- Builds a sense of belonging and community in the classroom.
- Encourages diversity and understanding among students.
- Research shows that inclusive education benefits both students with and without disabilities.
- Promotes social, academic, and emotional growth for all students.

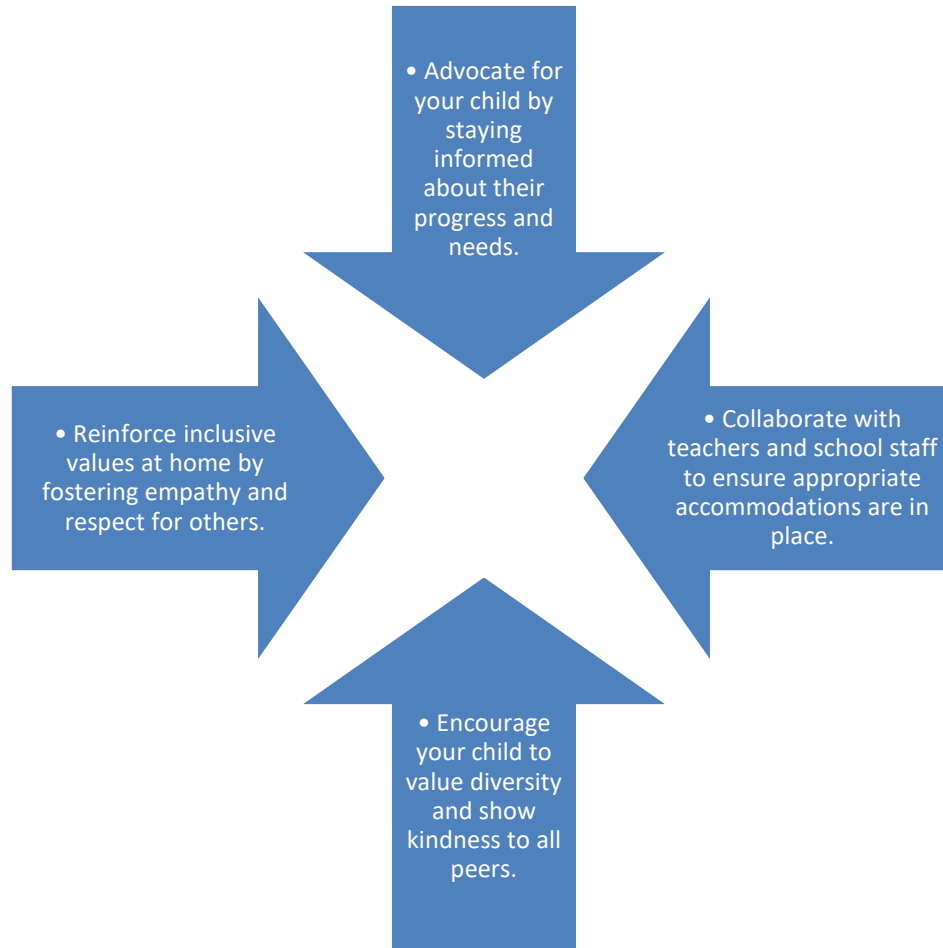
Key Features of an Inclusive Classroom



The Role of Teachers in Inclusive Practices

- Teachers are facilitators of learning, providing individualized support when necessary.
- They work closely with special education staff to implement accommodations and modifications.
- Teachers use data-driven decision-making to adjust instruction based on student progress.
- Communication with parents and collaboration with families are essential in supporting students' individual needs.

The Role of Parents in Supporting Inclusion



Inclusive Practices in Action: Examples

- Co-teaching: General education and special education teachers working together to support all students.

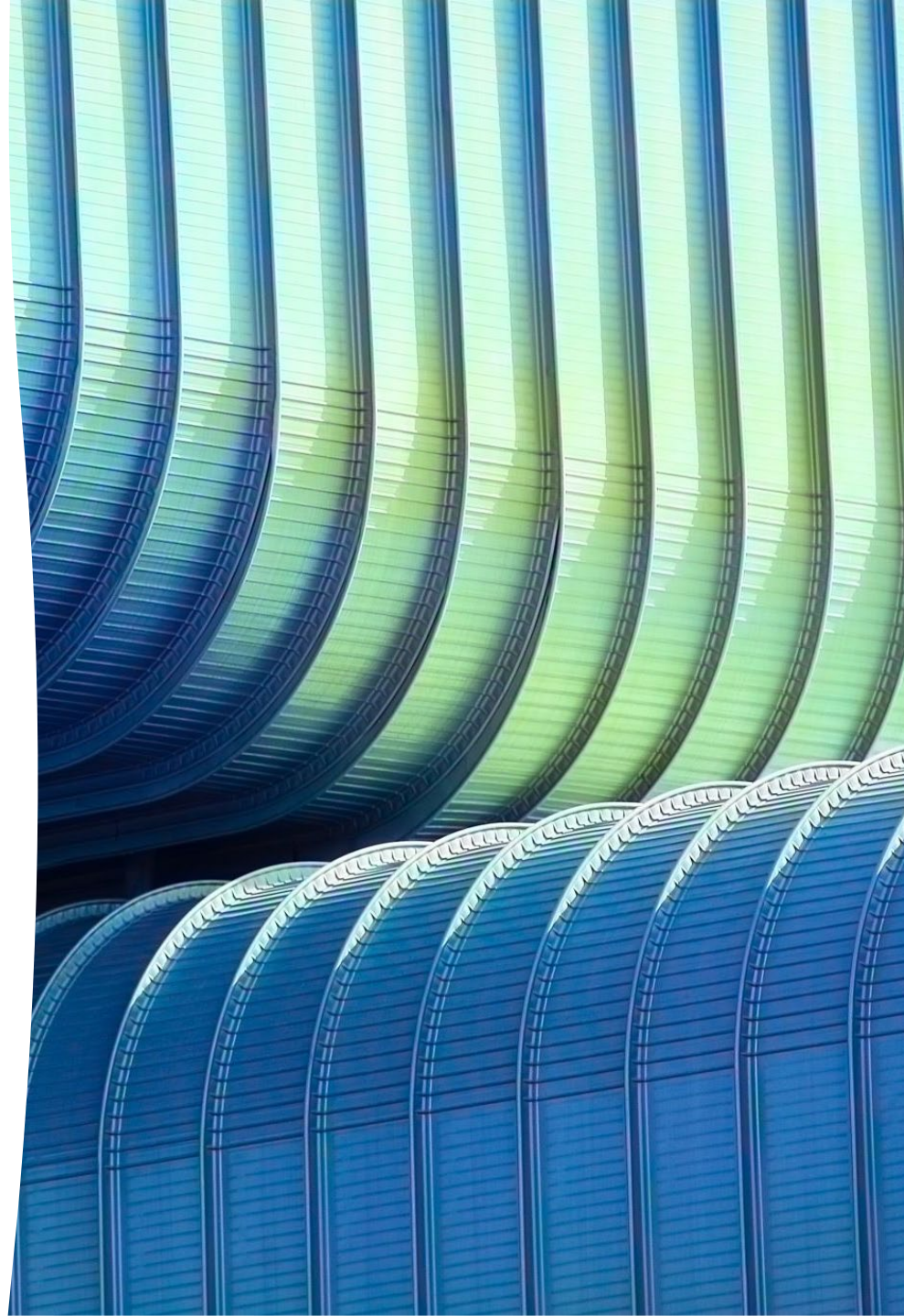
- Flexible Grouping: Students working in various groups based on their learning needs.

- Peer Buddy Systems: Students paired together to support learning and social interactions.

- Assistive Technology: Devices and tools that support students with disabilities in accessing the curriculum.

Accommodations vs. Modifications

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- Accommodations: Changes that help a student access the curriculum without altering the learning expectations (e.g., extra time, audio books).
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- Modifications: Changes that alter what a student is expected to learn (e.g., simplified assignments).
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- Both are important tools to support students with diverse needs in the classroom.



How Parents Can Support Inclusion at Home

- Promote a positive attitude toward learning and diversity at home.

- Engage in conversations with your child about differences and inclusivity.

- Create a structured and supportive environment for homework and skill development.

- Celebrate your child's unique strengths and encourage perseverance.



Communication and Collaboration with Schools

- Keep open lines of communication with teachers and school staff.

- Attend IEP meetings and parent-teacher conferences to stay informed about your child's progress.

- Share insights about your child's learning style, strengths, and challenges.

- Collaborate to ensure that your child is receiving the necessary supports and services.

Questions & Answers

- Open the floor for parents to ask questions about inclusive practices, how they can support their child, and the role of teachers and schools.

- Discuss specific strategies that can be implemented both at home and in the classroom.

Thank You!

- Contact information for school staff and special education resources.
- Emphasize the importance of parent-school partnerships in supporting inclusive education.
- Thank parents for their active role in promoting inclusion and supporting their child's success.